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## OUR COURT OF COMMON PLEAS A LEGAL, SOCIAL AND BUSINESS NECESSITY—WHY ABOLISH IT?

We cannot dismiss the conviction that the movement in which a number of our citizens and city council have participated, looking to the abolishment of the Cairo Court of Common Pleas, is ill-advised, or has been hastily considered. The court has unquestionably been a prompt and efficient agent in the administration of justice in the city, and the necessity for its continuance, instead of being obviated or lessened by our increase in population and business, has become more apparent. Nor has anything arisen in the re-organization of the judicial circuit that would suggest its discontinuance, either as a step in the direction of economy or the prompter execution of the law. Its history tells of its utility in truth, from the day of establishment to the present time.

It is objected that the expense imposed is a burden upon the city of Cairo. Remove this objection, and scarcely any one would urge the court's abolishment. Now, has this question of expense been carefully investigated, and does the opposition to the court's continuance owe its origin to such investigation? We think not.

When in session the court involves an expense of \$75 per day. This covers the cost of everything. The average length of a term is six days, and there are four terms to the year. The annual expense of the court, then, is \$3,000.

Now what considerations justify this expense? First: The court expedites the ends of justice. Secondly: It brings the best talent to the arbitrament of our legal affairs. Thirdly: It dispenses more business in one day than the circuit court, because of its more unobtrusive character and the diverse and complicated nature of its docket, does in two days. And fourthly: It saves more than offsets its own expense by its prompt disposal of jailed criminals, who, otherwise, could be detained for months, at the expense of the county.

A few words now by way of elaboration. The regular terms of the circuit court are held quarterly. Each intervening term of the court of common pleas empties the jail of all prisoners confined since the term preceding, who scarcely ever number less than twenty. The county, or city, which in effect the same, is thus twice a year relieved of the expense of detaining twenty prisoners for a period of at least four months, which would involve a cost of \$1,440, or nearly five-sixths of the entire annual cost of the court. This item need not be further elaborated, for it is known to all who are familiar with the operation of our courts, that the intervention of the court of common pleas, frequently disposes of criminals, who, compelled to await the regular sitting of the circuit court, would be subjected to an imprisonment of nearly, or quite, the entire intervening interval.

But, it is urged, "we might hold extra sessions of the circuit court." The bare suggestion of this remedy is an argument in favor of the court of common pleas. The last named court is convened with less trouble, delay and expense, and answers most happily the very necessities that would call for two or three extra terms of the circuit court every year.

It is further urged that the city pays the entire expense. Well, why shouldn't it? Its business originates in the city; it brings the violators of our laws, the outragers of our peace and dignity, to swift account, while it furnishes facilities for the adjustment of those civil actions that would suffer by the delay imposed by the operation of the circuit court. But the entire expense of the court of common pleas does not fall upon the city. The county shares in the expense of keeping the prisoners, which, by the way, an item of no mean magnitude. But this is immaterial. Five-sixths of all the taxes of the county are paid by Cairo, anyhow; so no relief could be realized by multiplying or lengthening the terms of the circuit court to perform the functions of the court of common pleas. The burden falls upon Cairo, adjust matters as you will.

To recapitulate, we assume: That the ends of justice and the prompt administration of the law, require the continuance of the court of common pleas; that it lessens the expense of criminals to an amount equaling four-fifths of its own cost, or more; that lengthening the terms or increasing the number of terms of the circuit court could not compensate for its discontinuance; that its machinery is of a nature that allows of a quicker disposition of business than can be attained to in the circuit court; that the growing business and population of our city, and the heterogeneous character of that population, demand its continued prompt and efficient interposition—its continuance, in fact, as a popular necessity.

Taking this view of the matter, and we hold it a correct one, we trust that the hasty and honest measures already taken to secure the abolishment of the court, will be reconsidered. It is a mistake to consider it an extra or unnecessary expense upon the city, or that it is not a legal, social and business necessity. Conviction of the truth of this will certainly follow investigation; and that opposition may die out, once and finally, we trust that that investigation may speedily be made.

The Mt. Carbon railroad, in operation now between Grand Tower and Carbondale, is to be extended to Marion, in Williamson county. We see it stated in one of our exchanges that Williamson county has issued \$100,000 of her bonds for that purpose, and sold them to the Mt. Carbon company for \$5,000. In consideration of this, the road is to be built

and put in operation to Marion on or before October 1, 1870. Our Marion friends have our hearty congratulations.

## WHERE ARE THE FUNDS?

Who has not heard of Lincoln monument associations, and who has not contributed something—a dime or a dollar—to Lincoln monument funds? It will soon be four years since the assassin's bullet handed that great man's body over to the grave, and during the greater part of that long interval the people of every state, city, town and village, have been importuned to give, give, give, that monuments might rise to honor his memory. Various plans of shafts and monuments were perfected; lithographic elevations of the same, some gorgeous, some plain and unpretending, were everywhere exhibited; associations were formed; receivers of contributions were named in almost every county; and, actuated by a sincere sorrow for the illustrious dead, everybody contributed his mite, with ready cheerfulness. Much money was certainly raised; but where are the monuments? where is the money? No monument has been erected, and the furor, even the interest, the monument movement created, has died away.

Where is the money that those months and years of organized begging accumulated? Has a sufficient sum been raised? If so, why is it not employed as promised? If not so, why this calm, this protracted hush—this general quiet and non-action? Surely the "Lincoln Monument Associations," in whose sacred names fairs and lotteries were held, and collections made, were not base swindlers and cheats? We do not think they were; but where is the vast sum of money raised through their agency? The public may not be the victim of fraud and deception in this, but the matter has assumed an ugly phase, and calls for explanation. The long continued lull excites inquiry. If the public has been dealt with honorably, some one can say where the Lincoln monument funds, collected everywhere, have been concentrated. Who is he? Who can speak and give us reliable information?

## NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

(Collected from our latest telegrams.)

### Phelan and McDevitt.

The champion billiard cue of America was recently surrendered by John McDevitt to Phelan and Collender, the founders of the prize. This was done because of a general wish to bar the push shot in future games. McDevitt accompanied the surrender with a challenge to the world to play him a regular American game for \$5,000 a side. Phelan and Collender have returned the cue, accompanied by a compliment to McDevitt, and are getting up a new one for the ensuing tournament.

### Chicago Iron Works.

A Chicago telegram of yesterday says: The first blast furnace in this city commenced operations to-day: it is known as the Chicago Iron Company, and is located four miles from the center of the city. When fairly started it will be able to manufacture about twenty tons of pig iron daily.

### A Washita Victim.

A dispatch from Springfield to the St. Louis Republican says: Eugene P. Clover, son of a late rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, in this city, was amongst the killed in the battle with the Indians at Washita, November 23d ultimo. The deceased practiced law here during the war, and for an alleged attempted outrage by a soldier upon his young sister, shot him dead. He fled to Canada, and returning to New York, enlisted in the regular service. He leaves a wife whom he married out of one of the most respectable families of Springfield, and who, sometime since, was divorced from him.

### State Debt.

\$171,000 of Illinois state bonds were redeemed by the state auditor yesterday, with funds derived from the two mill tax.

### State Consolidation.

Governor Smith, of Alabama, has appointed J. L. Pennington, A. J. Walker and Chas. A. Miller, commissioners to Florida, to negotiate for annexing West Florida to Alabama. They will, probably, start next week for Tallahassee.

### Grand Gift Enterprise Swindle.

A late dispatch from Kansas City to the St. Louis Republican, says that the "Great Western Distributing Association," organized since last spring, with headquarters here and agents all over the West, is a corpse! Thousands mourn its sudden taking off. The association announced its prizes to be distributed in houses, farms, jewelry, stock, cash, and so forth, amounting to \$500,000, and sold tickets at \$2 each. In this city the scheme has been looked upon with no confidence; but outside of this vicinity large numbers of tickets have been sold. The drawing was postponed three times, but had been positively announced for December 31. Six weeks ago Manager Jacob Forlow left here for the East, taking however but little money. His clerks have received frequent dispatches from him from Ohio, stating his intention of returning in time to secure another postponement. He has not arrived and his office and effects were seized to day by the Sheriff at the instance of his creditors. The holders of tickets, consequently, are disconsolate. It was generally understood that a number of citizens here composed the association. But now it appears the absent manager in his single self comprises all that made up the widely advertised and notorious "Great Western Distributing Association."

### Land Thieves.

It has recently transpired in St. Joseph, Mo., that land thieves have forged the titles to and sold over 10,000 acres of land in the counties

of DeKalb and Caldwell. One of the parties is now in jail in that city.

### Ku Klux.

In Warren county, Tenn., a couple of days since, a negro was being tried before a magistrate for certain criminal offences. Before a decision was rendered in the case, a body of disguised men, supposed to be Ku Klux, visited the house of the negro, when the latter opened fire on his masked visitors, lodging a whole load of buckshot in the face of one of them, and fatally wounding him. The others hastily retired. Immediately thereafter the radical sheriff of the county summoned a party, two-thirds of whom were ex-rebel soldiers, who went in pursuit of the other masked marauders, but with what success is not ascertained. The fact simply is, that the unlawful operations of the Ku Klux have become so unpopular as to be discontinued and denounced by all classes, and by none more heartily than the great majority of rebels.

### More Brownlowism.

A shooting affray occurred in Colina, Warren county, Tenn., a few days since, in which Abe Gerhart was shot and killed by Seth Williams. An old grudge had existed between the parties for some time.

A similar affray, also growing out of an old grudge, occurred in Cannon county, about the same time, resulting in the killing of Harrison Thomas by Bard Wilard.

### Improvement of Tennessee River.

A Nashville dispatch says: A proclamation will be published calling a grand popular convention at Chattanooga, Tenn., on the 24th of February, to memorialize congress to continue its aid to the improvement of the Tennessee river till the obstructions at Muscle Shoals are removed. It recites in results of the survey made in 1867 by colliery, and the importance of the proposed measure to the people of the south and west, and urges the people of the Tennessee valley to send delegates to the convention. The proposed improvements will cost \$1,500,000, and will open to commerce one of the richest mineral and agricultural sections of the country.

### Ohio Railroad Statistics.

The report of the railroad commissioner of Ohio has just been made, and shows that there are 5,890 miles of railroad completed in the state. There were 196 passengers and an employee killed during the past year, and 164 injured. The value of the cattle destroyed was \$42,211 92. The gross earnings of the roads were \$47,118,772 44, and the expenses \$32,920,034 32, showing a balance in favor of the roads of \$14,198,737 12.

## SPRINGFIELD

### THE CONVENING LEGISLATURE

#### THE OFFICIAL SLAT

Springfield is filled with people attending the meeting of the legislature which convened Monday. The negroes held a convention to urge the legislature to recognize the rights. How it is to do so is not yet made known.

At the republican caucus for nomination of candidates (the nomination made being equivalent to an election) are following:

For speaker—Franklin Corwin, of LaSalle. Clerks—chief, Jas. P. Root, of Co.; first assistant clerk, Jas. K. McGee, of Fulton; second assistant clerk, captain A. Bliss, of Stevenson; third assistant clerk, J. H. Halstead, of Douglas.

Engrossing and enrolling clerk—James Mahony, of Sangamon; first assistant, C. N. Whitney, of Schuyler; second assistant, Manuel Savage, of Whitesides; third assistant, Chas. H. Mitchell, of Warren.

Doorkeeper—captain Sequer, of Ikaakee; first assistant, L. O. Gilman, of Boon; second assistant, Gustave Waterloo, of Clair.

Postmaster—A. J. Alden, of Perry; assistant postmaster, E. F. Sautendner, of Cole.

Temporary speaker—H. C. Child of Du Page.

Temporary secretary—A. S. Thuston, of Henderson.

Temporary doorkeeper—captain Church, of Du Page.

At a democratic caucus Sunday night, the complimentary nominee for speaker honorable Newton B. Casey, of Madison City. Honorable Emmet Meritt was spoken of, but he declined in favor of doctor Casey.

## WASHINGTON.

### RAID UPON CORRUPT OFFICIALS.

#### RECEIPTS FROM CUSTOMS.

Our latest telegrams from Washington are under date of the 3d inst, and to the following effect:

CUSTOMS.

The receipts from customs for that quarter seem to be on the decrease, but internal revenue receipts still continue to keep up to the average estimate by the Secretary.

CORRUPT OFFICIALS TO BE OUBD.

When the Senate reassembles it understood that the president will send in names of nominees for every internal revenue place against whose present occupants charges of corruption have been made. He probably select good men without regard to politics, and thereby test the sense of Senate in his desire to break up the adulterous revenue rings.

### THE BUREAU MAN.

At the emancipation celebration Saturday night General Howard of a freedmen's Bureau, advocated universal suffrage in all the States. He said that negro race were not out of the woods, was the work yet completed, for freedom did exist in all the States. If it was right, said to grant the ballot to colored people, section it was proper and just that it should enjoy it in every State—in Maryland Ohio as in the Southern States or the strict of Columbia.

### OUR RELATIONS WITH ENGLAND.

Mail dispatches from England, the last

declare that he still has the utmost confidence in the almost immediate settlement of the Alabama claims negotiations. He is of the opinion that the president will be able to send the protocol to the senate for ratification by the middle or last of January, at the farthest, and at the same time communicate the other treaties relating to the question of naturalization and the settlement of the San Juan troubles.

All kinds of game served up in the best of style at Louis Herbert's. dec.31 d1w

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### ESTATE.

The undersigned took up, in this city, on the 4th inst., a stray STEER, red and white spots, bald face, about five or six years old. The steer is now at the living stable of Perry Powers. The owner can, by proving property and paying charges, obtain his property. ERNST BRUCHER, PERRY POWERS.

### PROBATE NOTICE.

Estate of A. Williams, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed Administrator of the estate of A. Williams, late of the county of St. Louis and State of Missouri, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Alexander county, at the court-house in the city of Cairo, at the regular term on Monday, the 20th of September next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 24th day of December, A. D. 1868. W. M. WILLIAMS, Adm'r.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of A. Williams, late of the city of St. Louis, county of St. Louis, State of Missouri, will on Thursday, the 24th day of April, A. D. 1869, commence at the hour of twelve o'clock a. m., at the Cairo City Saw Mill, in the city of Cairo, Alexander county and State of Illinois, sell, at public sale, the personal property, goods and chattels of the said A. Williams, consisting of Horses, Cattle, Wagons, Saw Logs, Lumber, Lath, &c., on a credit of twelve months, by taking bond of the purchaser with good security. Sums of \$100 and under, CASH. Dated this 5th day of January, 1869. W. M. WILLIAMS, Adm'r.

### FOR NEW ORLEANS.

THE FINE STEAMER Mollie Able, DAN ABLE, Master, W. C. GRAHAM, Clerk, will leave for the above and intermediate points on Friday morning, Jan. 7, 1869. The cargo house is newly and elegantly furnished, containing excellent rooms for the accommodation of lady boarders, and all other conveniences found in the best houses in the southwest. Charge moderate. E. B. HENDRICK & CO., Agents.

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### NOTICE.

Whereas, The city council did, on the 4th inst., at a regular meeting thereof, pass a resolution requesting the judge of the court of common pleas of the city of Cairo to hold a special term of said court, for the purpose of trying or otherwise disposing of numerous parties now confined in the county jail on criminal charges, and whereas, the judge of said court is satisfied that the best interests of the city will be promoted by the calling of such term.

It is therefore ordered that a special term of the court of common pleas of the city of Cairo be commenced and holden at the court-house in the city of Cairo, on Monday, the 1st day of February, 1869, for the transaction of general business. It is further ordered that the city marshal, or his deputy, be and he is required by law, and that the clerk select, by ballot, a full panel of grand and petit jurors for said term of court.

Done at Chambers this 6th day of January, A. D. 1869. JOHN H. MULKEY, Judge of the court of common pleas of the city of Cairo.

### AN ORDINANCE.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Cairo: Section 1. That it shall be and hereby is made the duty of the city comptroller to once ascertain and proper computation the amount required to pay the interest upon the bonded indebtedness of the city for the year ending on the 31st day of December next, and to pay said interest out of the sinking fund or other funds available for that purpose, and to make a report of the same to the city council at its next regular session. Sec. 2. That for each portion of said interest as made payable without the State of Illinois, he shall, under the advice and direction of the finance committee of this board, arrange with some banking institution in good credit in the city of New York to pay out upon presentation of the proper coupons, said portions of said interest fund which are made payable in said city, or which may be payable elsewhere without the limits of the State of Illinois, and which the parties entitled to receive it are willing to receive in said city; and it is hereby made the duty of the city comptroller to obtain from the city treasurer, and remit to said banking institution sufficient funds to pay said interest at least fifteen days before the same falls due, and to give notice for a like period to parties holding coupons for interest, at what place said coupons must be presented for payment. Provided, that whatever balance of said interest fund may remain in the hands of the city treasurer after making provision as above specified, for the payment of interest falling due out of the State of Illinois, shall be deposited in some safe and reliable banking institution in this city which will pay the highest rate of interest on said deposit.

Sec. 3. That upon ascertaining the amount required to pay the interest upon the bonded indebtedness of the city for the year 1869, and the reservation of the same out of the interest fund now on hand in the city treasury, the balance of said interest fund shall be and is hereby set aside and constituted and declared to be a sinking fund for the redemption of the bonded indebtedness of the city now past due.

Sec. 4. That immediately upon the passage of this ordinance it shall be the duty of the city comptroller, under the advice and direction of the finance committee, to advertise in the newspapers published in the city of Cairo the amount of the sinking fund on hand applicable to the payment of the bonded indebtedness of the city, and give notice in said newspapers for ten days that, at a time and place to be fixed in said notice, he will receive oral proposals for the purchase of the bonds of the city, and will pay out of said sinking fund, and to the party offering to receive the lowest amount for said bonds shall be awarded the privilege of surrendering all such bonds as may have in his possession, and receiving such portion of the sinking fund as may be necessary to pay for the same according to his offer, said arrangement to be made until the whole outstanding bonded indebtedness of the city is redeemed or the sinking fund exhausted.

Sec. 5. The city treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of the interest fund on hand upon the draft of the city comptroller, counter-signed by a majority of the finance committee, whatever sums may be necessary to carry into effect the foregoing provisions. Approved, this 6th day of January, A. D. 1869. JAS. CARROLL, Mayor pro tem.

### STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

#### ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Cairo City Gas Company at their office, in the City of Cairo, Illinois, on Monday, January 11, 1869, for the election of nine Directors, between the hours of ten a. m. and two o'clock p. m. Jan6d A. B. SAFFORD, Secretary.

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